

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2297 - SB 2283

March 24, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Changes the following provisions regarding child care agencies:

- Includes a facility providing child care to five or more children not related to the primary caregiver for three or more hours a day as one that must be licensed.
- Requires that the applicant, owner, director, or employee for a temporary license, must not have been associated as an owner or manager with an agency in violation of the laws and regulations concerning child care agencies.
- Authorizes the Department of Human Services to provide alternative fee schedules for agencies providing extended child care and those providing for non-traditional child care needs. Requires drop-in center fees to be paid to the general fund.
- Authorizes the Department to dictate the color and markings for vehicles used by an agency for transporting children; requires the advisory council to meet once a year instead of three times a year.
- Revises the criteria used to determine whether a program or activity is exempt under the present law exemptions for schools and educational facilities, recreational program and facilities, and summer camps. Removes the exemption for child care agencies providing less than three hours a day of child care. Programs or activities that are clearly distinguishable from child care services typically regulated by the department may be exempt.
- Requires public child agencies that are under the direct management or control of a department of the state be subject to licensing requirements.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumption:

- This bill will not impact the Department of Human Services' current responsibilities to investigate all potentially illegal operations, bring enforcement actions against any illegal operations, license all providers who require licensure, and monitor all licensed providers for compliance with regulations.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director